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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 51
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 13
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
- a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14  
completed)
- [Note Box 4 Below]
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior  
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which  
a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☐ Certified copy of Japanese priority document

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled  
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Applicant(s) Atsushi Toda, et al.  
Attorney Docket No. 09792909-5293

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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 27 claims (7 independent), 13 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-13) and the filing fee of \$1,202.00 on behalf of

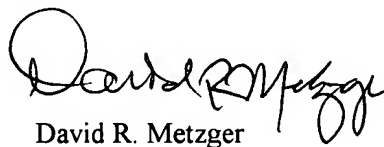
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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

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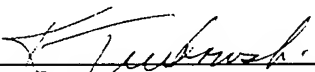
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Unexecuted Declaration

Letter Under 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c)

Preliminary Amendment

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